

REMARKS

By the present Amendment, claims 1-12 are cancelled, and claims 13-26 are added. This leaves claims 13-26 pending in the application, with claim 13 being independent.

Drawings

Fig. 1 is revised to correct a numbering mistake in a manner to conform to the originally filed specification.

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.183(a) on the ground that they only show various connections and structural relations schematically and not in detail. The schematic illustrations provided by the drawings of this application display all features recited in the claims, and are adequate to enable one skilled in the art to make and use the invention and to understand the invention, such that no additional drawings are necessary. No specific claim feature is identified as being omitted from the drawings. Such circuit diagrams are common and are adequate for inventions in the fields of hydraulic and pneumatic circuits.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is requested.

Substitute Specification

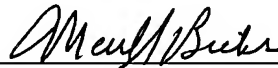
The specification is revised to eliminate grammatical and idiomatic errors in the originally presented specification. The number and nature of the changes made in the specification would render it difficult to consider the case and to arrange the papers for printing or copying. Thus, the substitute specification will facilitate processing of the application. The substitute specification includes no "new matter". Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 608.01(q), voluntarily filed, substitute specifications under these circumstances should normally be accepted. A marked-up copy of the original specification is appended hereto.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103, Second Paragraph

Newly submitted independent claim 13 combines the limitations of original claims 1 and 4 to constitute original claim 4 rewritten in independent form, including the base claim and any intervening claims. Additionally, claim 13, as well as the other claims presented above, have been rewritten to place them more in conformance with U.S. patent practice. No rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are presented in the Office Action. Since such claim is indicated as being allowable in paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the record will not be burdened with a comparison of the claimed subject matter and the cited patents. Accordingly, claim 13, as well as claims 14-26 dependent thereon, are patentably distinguishable over the cited patents.

In view of the foregoing, claims 13-26 are allowable. Prompt and favorable action is solicited.

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